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SUBJECT: KOREA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, AMBASSADOR SUMARJO, AUGUST 6 I ASKED WHETHER INDONESIA HAD ANY FURTHER INDICATION OF PLANS BY MODERATE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO GET TOGETHER ON KOREAN ISSUE. I POINTED OUT OTHER STATES, INCLUDING OTHER ASEAN STATES, APPARENTLY SHARE VIEW SIMILAR TO THAT OF INDONESIA AND MAY BE INTERESTED IN COMMON APPROACH.

2. SUMARJO REPLIED THAT KOREA WAS DIFFICULT ISSUE AND THAT AS OF MOMENT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF EFFORTS TO BRING ANY GROUP OF STATES TOGETHER ON KOREAN ISSUE AND DOUBTED THAT INDONESIA WOULD TAKE LEAD.

3. HE SAID THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT NORTH KOREA WILL TAKE STRONG LINE SUPPORTED BY CUBA AND ALGERIA. BEST MODERATE STATES CAN HOPE FOR IS TO GET AGREEMENT ON APPROACH THAT CALLS FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. SEEKING TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF FUTURE OF  
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DIFFICULT.

4. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHETHER NEW U.S. APPROACH OF FOUR POWER MEETING DID NOT HOLD OUT POSSIBILITY FOR COMMON ACTION, HE REPLIED THAT THERE WAS MUCH INTEREST IN THIS APPROACH BUT IN ABSENCE OF WORD FROM CHINA HE DOUBTED MANY WOULD SUPPORT IT. HE RECOGNIZED THAT CHINESE SILENCE WAS SIGNIFICANT AND THAT CHINESE PROBABLY DO NOT WISH TO SEE REMOVAL OF U.S. FORCES. ONLY COUNTRY, HOWEVER, WHICH APPEARS TO SUPPORT THIS CHINESE VIEW IS PAKISTAN WHICH WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT COLOMBO.

5. SUMARJO THEN TOLD ME THAT COUNTRIES SEEKING TO SUPPORT SOUTH KOREA WERE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED BY ADVERSE INTERNATIONAL COMMENT ON PRESIDENT'S PARK'S REGIME. CUBANS IN PARTICULAR ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT PARK IN AMERICAN MEDIA. THEIR APPROACH IS THAT KOREA IS NOT LIKE DIVIDED COUNTRIES IN EUROPE BUT IS MUCH MORE ANALOGOUS TO VIETNAM WHERE CORRUPT REGIME COLLAPSED DESPITE AMERICAN SUPPORT. IMPLICATION THAT AMERICAN SUPPORT MAY BE ERODED IN SAME WAY IN SOUTH KOREA IS STRONG ARGUMENT WITH MANY WAVERING NATIONS.

6. IN REPLY I STRESSED THAT SITUATIONS QUITE DIFFERENT, THAT AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO KOREA IS FIRM AND THAT COMMUNIST KOREAN PENINSULA WOULD MEAN INCREASED THREAT NOT ONLY TO JAPAN BUT TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA AS WELL. SUMARJO ACKNOWLEDGED THIS BUT SAID THAT SOUTH KOREANS WERE NOT HELPING THEIR CAUSE BY THEIR PRESENT IMAGE AND HARD LINE.

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